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CABLE SERVICES BUREAU ACTION

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REQUEST FOR EXEMPTION FROM COMMISSION'S CLOSED CAPTIONING RULES CSR 5827

ABS-CBN International ("ABS-CBN") has filed a petition for exemption from the closed captioning requirements, pursuant to Section 79.1 of the Commission's rules, 47 C.F.R. § 79.1. ABS-CBN is a producer and distributor of Filipino, and a small amount of English language, programming available via three subscription channels- The Filipino Channel, the ABS-CBN News Channel, and Cinema 1. Petitioner claims that because a substantial majority of the programming distributed on ABS-CBN's channels is in the Filipino language, compliance with the closed captioning requirements would impose an undue burden, as defined in Section 79.1(f) of the Commission's rules, 47 C.F.R. § 79.1(f).

Comments and oppositions are due within 30 days from the date of this public notice. Petitioner's reply is due 20 days thereafter. Please place the case identifier, CSR 5827, on all filings.

The petition is available for public inspection in the Commission's Reference Information Center:

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